



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS 2017-2018 Academic Year Office of Public Diplomacy — Embassy of the United States

The Office of Public Diplomacy of the Embassy of the United States is pleased to announce its annual <u>open competition</u> scholarship program for the 2018 academic year. The Fulbright Foreign Student program was established by the Government of the United States of America with the objective of fostering mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other nations. **Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria in order to be judged in comparison to other applicants by a selection committee.**

Objective: To foster academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Haiti and the United States and leads to a graduate-level degree (Masters) from an American university.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be Haitian citizens with a bachelor's degree based on an **exemplary** academic record;
- Applicants must have at least two (2) years of work experience if applying for Public health;
- Applicants must show an *ongoing* commitment to community / public service; and
- Applicants must have **advanced English language skills** (verbal and written).

All applicants will be required to pass a standardized English test <u>prior</u> to their candidacy being considered.

- Applicants with extensive or recent experience in the U.S. will not be considered, nor will Haitians with legal permanent residence (green card) status or U.S. passport holders be eligible.
- Applicants are subject to a two-year mandatory home-country physical presence which requires you to return to your home country for at least two years at the end of your exchange visitor program as required by the J-1 visa.

Application Process

- Applicants are invited to attend an **information session** on the Fulbright program and the application process at 8:30 a.m. on March 10, 17, and April 14, 2017 at the U.S. Embassy in Tabarre. To reserve a seat, please send a request to papacademicprograms@state.gov
- Final applications and supporting documents (Transcripts, diplomas, minimum of one letter of reference, signature Form, and Proof of English proficiency) <u>must</u> be submitted online through the website listed below <u>by COB MAY 31, 2017</u>. Accounts are free of charge. https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/20/. We will not accept documents via e-mail or at the Embassy.

Supporting documents may be submitted in French; however finalists will be required to translate all documents into English.

For more info: http://exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright
http://haiti.usembassv.gov/